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RESPONSE TO CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEES DUE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Corrected Notice of Allowance and Fees Due mailed on May 19, 2004. It is noted that the Issue Fee is due on August 19, 2004.

Applicants agree with the Examiner's Amendment which was issued with the Corrected Notice of Allowance and Fees Due. Therefore, no further action is required.

Applicants most respectfully submit herewith that the Issue Fee was paid on March 29, 2004 and the patent should now issue. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that an Issue Notification be mailed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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